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54 Years, 54 Ideas

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Editor's note: Each week, Chabad.org Magazine brings you samplings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's perspective on issues ranging from the ageless philosophical questions to the so-called "trivialities" of everyday living. On the occasion of the 10th of Shevat -- the date on which the Rebbe formally assumed the leadership of the worldwide Chabad-Lubavitch movement in 1951 -- we have selected 54 examples of these teachings, corresponding to the 54 years in which the Rebbe's leadership and inspiration have worked their influence upon our lives. These range from 3-line insights and one-minute meditations to short articles and full-length essays; their common denominator is that they each illuminate a particular facet of our existence with the Rebbe's unique and revolutionary way of looking at and transforming the reality in which we live.



The reader should bear in mind, however, that the great majority of these articles are adaptations, rather than direct translations, of the Rebbe's writings and talks, so that the phrasing and application of these ideas are the sole responsibility of the respective authors.

(The year associated with each particular piece reflects either the year in which this idea was expressed by the Rebbe, the year in which it was particularly emphasized in his talks and writings, or the year in which this issue was in the forefront of our lives. We did not in any way intend it to be a definitive characterization of the year -- just a convenient way of presenting a cross-sampling of the Rebbe's teachings, vision and leadership.)

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